

MANITOU SPRINGS.

Description of the Many Late Improvements in Manitou.

Artificial Beauties which have been Added to Nature's Work.

Great Changes which will Greet Returning Visitors.

The days of man are like the shifting slides thrown on the screen by the stereopticon. The background, the realities of life, remain unvaried, but our experiences and observations of the material world are ever changing. What we saw yesterday is absent to day; old forms vanish and give place to the new. This has been well shown in Manitou during the past few months.

It is interesting to watch the bewildered countenances of the returning visitors as they take the first glimpses of the resort and endeavor to recognize familiar scenes and landmarks and get their bearings amid the great transformations on every hand.

In alighting from the train the traveler looks in vain for the familiar form of the old Manitou house across the boulevard and grove of shrubbery, for in its place rises a magnificent hotel of modern design. This, the parent hotel of Manitou, has undergone a third enlargement on a grand scale. It has been lengthened both to the east and west, and been so changed by the introduction of four bold transepts that the original building can not be recognized. The main portion now has a frontage of 225 feet. The porch, which has always been a feature of the Manitou house, is 250 feet long and 16 feet wide, with three bold semi-circular projections. It rests on a parapet of stone, artistically laid, which raises it six feet from the ground, and from this porch the beautiful grounds of the hotel, covering several acres, with well kept lawn, shady trees and beds of flowers, are seen to their best advantage. The roof of the porch is supported by Doric columns and the exterior treated in the colonial style by Messrs Varian & Sterner, the architects. The interior of the building has been remodeled and modernized throughout. A turf tennis court, especially set apart for good players and match games, has been completed for the season. Mr. A. W. Bailey, the genial proprietor of the hotel, will open the doors of the Manitou to the public Saturday, June 28.

Passing up the avenue to the centre of town we notice the handsome and tasty refitting of the office of the Manitou Springs Journal. Several new store fronts greet the eye on either side. On one of these, a handsome facade, with red sand stone piers and plate glass front, we read the sign of "Grant's Art and Curiosity Shop," one of the old reliable houses of the resort. Mr. Charles A. Grant, the proprietor, has been busy the past week arranging his extensive stock in his new quarters. The shelving, cases and counters have been made of cypress wood, finished in the natural oil finish, and are exceedingly handsome. In one case are artistically arranged his stock of agate goods, of which he may justly be proud, being second to none in the state. In another may be seen both natural and hand-painted wild flowers in book form. The case of mineral specimens is especially attractive. The counters are covered with Jackson's views, of which he makes a specialty, and Mexican pottery and wax work. Mexican blankets, rugs and furs are draped from the walls. In the basement are stored away quantities of goods, which can not find shelf room. Mr. Grant has been in business in Manitou for many years, and has established a house which is far and well known for the reliability of its goods and fairness of its prices.

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been enlarged and handsomely painted and a reading room and private office been added. An elevator has been placed in a central position in the house thus making all the rooms easy of access from the parlors, dining room and office. The exterior of the house has been marvelously improved. The old porch was torn away and a broad veranda has taken its place. Plate glass windows adorn the front. Two graceful towers rise from the two corners. The building has been painted in harmonious colors.

Mr. E. E. Nichols, proprietor of the Cliff, has made a great many improvements and changes for the better in that popular hotel. The most noticeable improvement has taken place in the grounds before the place. The old driveway was broken up, and the place of the grounds so changed as to both widen the road and give a broad lawn before the house. The veranda has been carried out on the west to the road, where guests may alight. A handsome stone wall is built along the front of the grounds, through openings in which paths wind up to the parlor. The Cliff has kept its doors open all winter. The broad, sunny porch on the south gives it an advantage for winter guests, which no other hotel in the place has. By an addition on the east side, the capacity of the hotel has been increased by 16 rooms. The dining room has been extended on the west so as to receive the morning sun, and is now one of the pleasantest dining halls in Manitou. The public rooms have all been refurnished and carpeted with heavy moquet carpeting. A tile floor, of unique design, has been laid in the office. The service and table of the Cliff have always been of the best, but especial attention will be given in this direction. The total improvements in this hotel amount to \$12,500.

In passing up the road to the Iron Springs we come to the Pike's Peak Bazar of Mr. J. H. Griffith. This is one of the most popular curiosity stands in the resort. In his new building Mr. Griffith has his collection arranged in an artistic manner and many are the passers by who tarry to look over the counters and cases.

One of the new features which greets the eyes of the visitor returning to Manitou this summer is the newly developed group of springs owned by Mr. Norman C. Jones, and situated almost directly under the Midland trestle. There are twelve of these springs coming up within a few feet of each other but separated by impervious strata of clay. None of the springs except one has been thoroughly analyzed but partial analyses indicate that there are several which contain iron combined with undetermined salts, one cathartic salts, one sulphur and iron, one bromium and iron, one potash and iron, and one arsenic and iron. They are all heavily charged with carbonic gas. The arsenic water is said to have a very stimulating effect on the stomach and digestive apparatus. The springs are now being inclosed so as to retain the gases. The water is at present contaminated by cement and soil but as soon as it is clear again complete analyses will be made by the chemist of the State School of Mines at Golden. The springs will be arranged to come out in stone basins set in niches in the wall of a vault, 14 feet below the level of the street. The masonry walls of the vault will be covered with hydraulic cement, and in the niche over each spring will be lettered its full analysis. The floor of the vault will be paved with flags and the street will be reached by a flight of stone steps. The use of the springs will be absolutely free to the public and one-tenth of the proceeds from the sale of lemonade, etc., made therefrom will be given to charity. Mr. Jones contemplates the erection of a cafe over the spring next winter which will contain a fine children's play room, a restaurant and a reading and card room. There will be no gambling or other obnoxious features allowed and the place will undoubtedly become one of the popular resorts of Manitou.

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The centre of the town is graced by a neat city park. Here once was seen the foundations and stone for a proposed structure which the city fathers saw wise to pluck in the bud, and the site resembled the ruins of some fallen structure. But that is changed now, and ere long the citizens will see a handsome city clock and fountain—rise, the generous gift of Mr. J. B. Wheeler, one of Manitou's public-spirited men.

Beyond, we may enter the park of the Manitou Mineral Water company. No improvement has been made in Manitou which will be such a public benefit to the place as those of this company. The park has been leveled and seeded down to grass, winding paths have been laid out, shade trees planted along the borders of the Fountain, and the limits of the park have been determined by a wall of Ute Pass sandstone surmounted by a coping of red stone. The soda spring pavilion is the centre from which the paths radiate. Here a fountain has been set in play and shrubbery has been planted. The company's magnificent new building is nearly completed. For two months the citizens have watched with interest the walls of the great structure rise, anxious to know what would be its appearance in so conspicuous a place. If there were any who had any doubts as to the building's enhancing the beauty of the place they must have vanished ere this. Under the hands of the well known architects, Pease & Barber, of Colorado Springs, the exterior effect is very pleasing. The basement story is laid in range ashlar of heavy bed and the main story in broken work. Above this is frame with red wood siding. A tower of stone rises on the southeast corner finishing in an open cupola with a conical roof. The building is 50x150 feet in dimensions and in height four stories. The success and growth in popularity of the Manitou waters have been marvelous. Ever since Mr. D. L. Sterling, the present manager, took charge the output of water has steadily increased. With the advantages given by the new building the work can be carried on more successfully than ever.

The Barker hotel has undergone a wonderful transformation—the past spring. Two large wings have been built on the rear greatly increasing the capacity of the house. The office has

The iron spring has been the scene of great activity during the past few weeks. Mr. J. G. Hiestand, proprietor of the pavilion, has kept pace with the general improvements in Manitou. He has been enlarging his business facilities on a grand scale. The old pavilion has been torn away and in its place has risen one of three times its capacity. Columns of massive stone have been erected and on them rest a second story which is reached by a broad staircase. Here Mr. Hiestand purposes to establish an extensive photographic gallery. Mr. Geo. Mellen has been engaged to superintend the work, aided by a corps of assistants. Views will be taken not alone in this vicinity but all over the state and in Utah and New Mexico. The interior of the pavilion has been refitted. A pair of handsome plate glass cases have been received recently which cost \$500. Mr. Hiestand has been traveling during the winter in the south, as his custom is, gathering specimens and rare curiosities from all parts. His freight bill this winter has amounted to more than \$700. He has erected a warehouse for storage purpose near his residence, where he now has as much as forty tons of raw material which is to be worked and polished by the lapidary in the months to come. Mr. Hiestand made a shipment a few days ago of a ton of petrified wood to Germany.

The crowning work done this year in Manitou of course is the Pike's Peak and Manitou railway. Work is progressing with all possible speed and the road will be completed at as early a date as possible. Delays have taken place, unavoidable on the part of the company, by which several weeks have been lost from the laying of the rails. A large force, however, is now at work, the depot is nearly completed and everything looks favorable to an early completion.

Manitou has never opened the summer season under such auspicious circumstances as this year. Such a vast amount of building is a strong indication of the faith that the citizens have in the amount of business they will do during the summer. Last summer was a very prosperous season, and when we take into consideration the fact of the Paris exposition drawing many thousands from Colorado who are accustomed to come and will come this year, it will not be supposed that the people of Manitou are by any means too sanguine.